and interest subsidy to revive the production cycle. The relief will involve ar outlay of Rs. 155.00 lakhs.

Promotion in the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)

2074. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1968 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1989 and state:

(a) whether action initiated for filling up posts in the office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) has since been completed;

(b) whether any representations have been received from the general public relating to this issue and if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon;

(c) whether the ad hoc arrangement made in filling up the post of Deputy Director (Admn and Coord.) at Varanasi is still continuing; and

(d) if so, what action is proposed to be taken to discontinue such arrangement?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The ad-hoc appointment of the post of Deputy Director (Admn. & Coord.) at Varanasi will be discontinued as soon as the recommendation of the Union Public Service Commission for filling up the post on regular basis is received by this office.

Malpractices/Irregularities in the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)

2075. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several malpractices/irregularities in the office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) were brought to light by the general public since March, 1989;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Department has shown singular indifference to deal with references where senior officers are involved or where no benefits accure to such officers; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken or proposed to be taken to fix responsibility in all such cases and to rectify the irregularities pointed out?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) with a large number of field establishments does receive from time to time complaints/grievances from employees/general public which are always promptly attended to.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Drive to bring Shopkeepers, Taxi Owners etc. into Income-Tax Bracket

2076. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any drive to bring into income-tax bracket apparently petty, but in reality very rich persons like petty shopkeepers, kiosk owners, shopkeepers selling fruit juices, chatwalas, taxi owners, etc. in Delhi and other metropolitan cities like Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, Bangalore, Ahmedabad etc;